

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 470

SENATE BILL NO. 818

By Norris, Herron, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 852

By Odom, Mumpower

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 31, relative to underground utility damage prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of Tennessee's current underground utility damage prevention program and report to the general assembly no later than January 29, 2010. Included in the study should be a review of federal standards and other state initiatives to improve their programs and whether a reduction in underground damage has resulted. The purpose of the study shall be to determine whether any legislative action is needed to improve the effectiveness of the program, including, but not limited to, provisions related to program enforcement. If a need for improvement is found, the commission shall also recommend to the legislature what entity or entities would be best suited to undertake further responsibilities to improve the effectiveness of the program and suggestions on funding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 1, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR